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Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha, Ki a Orana Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao Malo ni, Habari Dobar Dan, Namaste, Bonjour . . .

Dear Parents

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL CHOIR!

The choir performed in the APPA Music Festival last night. And what a stunning performance. It was showcasing the wide range of music and talent of the children in Auckland schools. I was particularly proud of our choir, who sang their hearts out and really showed their enjoyment of the night! Last night saw the culmination of a lot of hard work – sometimes the choir practises got a little tedious for them! Those who persevered got to enjoy the fruits of their labour last night and were wonderful representatives of Greenmeadows Intermediate. Special mention needs to be made of Samantha Oh, Brooke Alderson and Jacob Firmin Cavanagh who all had special solo parts to play in the show.



Board of Trustees Elections – Declaration of Parent Election Results.

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Thi Son, Sarinh
Bourke, Hayleigh

Helen Chalmers
Returning Officer

2011 Specialist Fees and School Donations

Have you paid these? The school donation is exactly that – a donation. We would really hope parents would feel some obligation to help the school out as this money goes towards “extras” that we could not normally afford, it is your choice to pay this or not.

The Specialist Fees are **NOT** a donation. This is just like buying stationery – you just have to do it! This money goes towards paying for the materials used in specialist programmes. It does not pay for all of it though and parents who do not pay their fees are really disadvantaging the school. It is not fair to the school to ignore payment. We will be sending invoices home next week to 160 odd students who have not paid them.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS - Due to the poor weather, the school athletics had to be postponed today. They have been rescheduled for next Friday.

YEAR 8 TRANSITION VISITS TO HIGH SCHOOL


Transition visits for Year 8 students who will be attending Manurewa High School and Alfiston College in 2012 will take place on the following dates. Students are to go by bus from school, accompanied by a teacher.

Manurewa High School - Tuesday 29 November,
Alfriston College - Wednesday 30 November

PARENT CONSULTATION SURVEY

A parent survey accompanies this newsletter. We need every family to complete one of these to make sure we get a good range of the opinions of a cross section of our school community. Please return to school as soon as possible. Names of all students who return their parent questionnaire go into a draw to win one of five \$50.00 Westfield vouchers.

Student Council News



Our school **WACKY HAIR DAY/MUFTI DAY** is coming up again on Friday 11 November. This epic event will allow all students to put creativity into their newly designed hairstyle. It will be \$2 donation, from each student.



Y8 GRADUATION - It's a night that comes annually and it's coming once again to GIS. With the theme of the secret garden, this year Year 8's graduation is going to be held on Wednesday 14 December from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Fun activities are going to be held on this night. Tickets will be on sale from the resource room (Mrs Beattie) at the price of \$10.00 per person. So Year 8's don't miss out on this once in a life time opportunity.

GREENMEADOWS IS A HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL



The poster features logos for the Heart Foundation, Healthy Heart Always (For Schools), and the 5+A Day program (fresh fruit & vegetables). The main text reads: "November is 5+ A Day month. Snacks don't have to come in packets, fruit and vegetables are a cost effective healthy snack for the lunchbox and home. Try these ideas below:"

- ✓ Carrot or celery sticks with salsa or hummus
- ✓ Corn on the cob or creamed corn on crackers
- ✓ Apple, banana or berry mini muffins
- ✓ Fruit Salad with yoghurt or dairy food
- ✓ Monkey roll up – banana in bread

Illustrations include a tomato, a cartoon vegetable character, and a slice of bread.

This is a national program that supports schools to promote a healthy learning community.

MANUREWA JUNIOR SCHOOL OF MUSIC OPEN FOR 2012 ENROLMENTS

Manurewa Junior School of Music is now taking enrolments for 2012. We offer tuition in the following musical instruments: Clarinet, Flute, Guitar, Keyboard, Percussion, Recorder, Saxophone, Trumpet, and Violin. Tuition is available to all Primary and Intermediate School students aged 7 and up. Fees for the year are \$65. Lessons are on Saturday mornings, with some keyboard lessons on Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Please contact us at mjms@greenmeadows.school.nz or phone 269 5673 and leave a message or you can come to Greenmeadows Intermediate School on Saturday morning between 8.30am and 11.30am to enroll in person.

Enrolments close on the 3rd December 2011.

Auckland Intermediate Schools Art Competition

Congratulations to Daimeon McIntyre, Alyssa Fakatoumafi, Phillip Lay, Lan Nguyen, Sintisha Naidu, Aliya Khan, TK Ryder, Salesi Langi, Hiki Ikavuka whose work was chosen to be exhibited at the Auckland Intermediate Art Exhibition. Their work is outstanding! We are very proud of them and very fortunate to have a talented Art Teacher such as Mrs McKellar-Basset as well! The exhibition is open for public viewing: 14 – 18 November, 11.00am – 5.00pm or Saturday 19 November 10.00am – 4.00pm Shed 6, 90 Wellesley Street, Auckland CBD – there is plenty of parking.

Kind regards

Cathy Chalmers
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